

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1-10. (Canceled)

11 (Currently amended). A composition for a fire-protection agent for materials, characterized in comprising ceramic-forming additives and volume-formers, whereby in the event of heating, a volume of a layer formed by the fire-protection agent is increased by at least 500% in volume, and wherein at least the ceramic-forming additives ~~in~~ and the volume-formers are present in nanoparticle-coated form.

12 (Currently amended). A composition for a fire-protection agent for materials, characterized in comprising ceramic-forming additives and volume-formers, whereby in the event of heating, a volume of a layer formed by the fire-protection agent is increased by at least 500% in volume, and wherein the ceramic-forming additives and ~~of~~ the volume-formers are present as salts having a particle size of 1 to 50 μm .

13-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A method of producing a fire protection agent, characterized in that ~~the~~ ceramic-forming additives are added to a volume forming fire-protection agent, whereby the ceramic-forming additives in the volume-forming fire-protection agent are present as nanoparticle-coated salts.

19-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) A composition for a fire-protection agent for materials, characterized in comprising ceramic-forming additives and volume-formers, whereby in the event of heating, a volume of a layer formed by the fire-protection agent is increased by at least 500% in volume, characterized in that the ceramic-forming additives are disodium tetraborate and ammoniumpentaborate.

23-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The composition of claim 11, wherein said composition comprises at least two ceramic-forming additives.

28. (New) The composition of claim 12, wherein said composition comprises at least two ceramic-forming additives.

29. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said ceramic-forming additives comprise at least two ceramic-forming additives.

30. (New) The composition of claim 22, wherein said composition comprises at least two ceramic-forming additives.